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Concept Paper 6-05

The First Annual PKSOI Education Workshop

The United States Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) will conduct an unclassified education workshop from 13-15 September 2005. The forum will be conducted at the Center for Strategic Leadership, Collins Hall, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

BACKGROUND

With the emergence of peace and stability operations in locations such as Kosovo, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq, numerous institutions, both military and civilian, have had to adjust their educational curricula and programs. These institutions cater to a widely diverse audience with widely diverse missions. There has been little communication and cross fertilization between institutions on what is being taught, and how it is being taught. While some variance is necessary due to the wide range of tasks to be accomplished in peace and stability operations, communication between institutions on course content and best practices can only aid in providing the best educational experience possible for students, many of whom will immediately be engaged in these kinds of operations.

OVERALL WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshop will bring together educators from the military services, the Joint Staff, international and non-government organizations, interagency offices, and selected institutes and centers of higher education to identify the opportunities for synergy and cooperation in peace and stability operations education. There are three objectives of the workshop: 1) capture best practices and identify gaps in the various approaches; 2) identify the programs, subject matter experts, and initiatives in the field of peace and stability operations education; and 3) establish a collaborative relationship among all participants that can form the basis for continuing dialogue.

PKSOI intends to formalize a quarterly video teleconference to assist conference participants in maintaining a continuous dialogue. It is possible that this technology may also be used in operational situations to maintain communications and situational awareness between civilian and military agencies in the field.

WORKSHOP DESIGN

This workshop will be conducted over the course of three days. Panel presentations on the first day will be followed in the afternoon with work groups addressing the integration of peace and stability operations into the curriculum and the preparation and development of educators / instructors. The morning of the second day each group will

present their findings and recommendations to all participants of the workshop. The afternoon of the second day the four work groups will address Resources (best practices, gaps, and proposed solutions) and Human Capital (best practices, gaps, and proposed solutions) in peace and stability operations education. In the final session on Thursday morning each work group will present their findings and recommendations to all participants of the workshop.

WORK GROUP OBJECTIVES

- Identify best practices in peace and stability operations education
- Identify gaps in peace and stability operations education
- Establish and continue dialogue among entities/individuals in the peace and stability operations community. This would include methodologies to identify, expand, and share stability and reconstruction educational resources:
 - Subject matter expert database
 - Course materials, schedules, and attendance opportunities
 - Research project collaboration opportunities, recommendations, and resource requirements

WORKSHOP DELIVERABLES

Following the workshop, PKSOFI will publish a report reviewing the issues, discussion and solutions recommended by conference participants.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, 12 September 2005 – The Collins Center

1400 – 1630 Registration (*Collins Hall lobby*)

1830 – 2030 Icebreaker, (*Letort View Community Center*)

Tuesday, 13 September 2005 – The Collins Center

0800 – 1200 Plenary Session (Main Conference Room) (*MCR*)

1200 – 1300 Lunch, (*Ardennes Room*)

1315 – 1730 Work Groups (*Group Rooms, 2nd Floor*)

1830 – 2100 Dinner, Secretary of the Army is guest speaker, (*Letort View Community Center*)

Wednesday, 14 September 2005 – The Collins Center

0800 – 0815 Admin Remarks (*MCR*)

0815 – 1200 Work Groups Report Findings/Recommendations (*MCR*)

1200 – 1300 Lunch (*Ardennes Room*)

1300 – 1630 Work Groups, (*Group Rooms, 2nd Floor*)

1830 – 2000 No host dinner (*Letort View Community Center*)

Thursday, 15 September 2005 – The Collins Center

0800 – 1200 Work Groups Report Findings/Recommendations and adjourn (*MCR*)

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information regarding this event please call (717) 245-4380.